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## CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE

Three Day Session of Christian  
Missionary Association Will  
Meet in Alma.

## STARTS THIS FRIDAY EVENING

Meetings Promise to Hold Wide In-  
terest for Church People of  
District.

The semi-annual convention of the  
fifth district Christian Missionary  
society of the Church of Christ will  
convene in Alma on Friday, Saturday  
and Sunday, bringing to Alma, it is  
expected, numerous delegates from a  
number of cities and towns in this  
part of the state.

The Friday evening meeting of the  
week of prayer that is being held by  
the churches of the city, will be held  
in connection with the opening ses-  
sion of the convention Friday evening  
at the Church of Christ. Rev. Shouffer  
of the Baptist church will have charge  
of the prayer service, and will preach  
on the subject, "Families, Educational Establish-  
ments and the Young."

The program for the convention is  
expected to be a highly interesting  
one. It follows:

Address of welcome by Rev. J. F.  
Williams.

Union prayer service in charge of  
Rev. Shouffer.

Response to address of welcome  
by President J. G. Wilson of St.  
Louis.

Saturday morning, 9:00 o'clock—  
Business Session, with Reports of  
Churches.

2:00 p. m.—The United Christian  
Missionary Society—its origin, its  
aim, and position, by D. P. Morris of  
Ferris Center.

2:45 p. m.—Sermon, "Adorning the  
Doctrine," by J. G. Wilson of St.  
Louis.

7:30 p. m.—Doctrinal Sermon by  
Rev. J. F. Williams.

Sunday Morning—  
9:45—Lord's Day School.

10:45—Sermon by Rev. Leon R.  
May.

Sunday Afternoon—  
1:30—Group Evangelism by Rev.  
L. R. May.

2:45—Rock Lake Volunteer Associa-  
tion.

3:15—Place of Sunday School in  
the Church by Rev. Chapman of  
Shepherd.

Sunday Evening—  
6:00—Christian Endeavor.

6:45—Illustrated Lecture by P. A.  
Sherman of Ann Arbor on Mission-  
ary Service.

7:30—Sermon "Divinity of Christ,"  
by J. F. Green of Owosso.

8:15—Law of Conversion by Rev.  
J. F. Williams.

The devotional services at the mis-  
sionary meetings are to be conducted  
by S. J. Randall of Farwell, and the  
song services will be in charge of L.  
R. May and F. Randall of Alma. Boy  
Scouts of the church will meet the  
visiting delegates at the trains.

## BIGGEST DAY

Wednesday Saw Biggest Day's Busi-  
ness in History.

Wednesday, the opening day of the  
Robinson sale, saw this store do the  
biggest day's business of any single  
store in the history of central Michi-  
gan, the amount being well in ex-  
cess of \$7,000.

The doors of the store opened for  
the sale at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday and  
from that time on the store was  
crowded to the limit practically every  
minute of the day.

Very soon after 9:00 a. m., it be-  
came necessary to lock the doors, and  
admit just a few people at a time  
as the crowd thinned out. This was  
continued practically all day long.

## POUCH MISSING

Mail Pouch Taken Here Now Sought  
By Inspector.

A post office inspector arrived in  
Alma Wednesday to take up the  
search for a pouch of first class  
mail that came up missing here  
about ten days ago.

So far as known the pouch con-  
tained nothing but letters, and it has  
not been ascertained whether or not  
any of these may have contained  
money, drafts or money orders.

At the present time there is no  
clue as to the whereabouts of the  
pouch, or the person or persons that  
may have taken it.

## LIFE OF THE SNOWFLAKE

The fourth number of the Alma  
College Library Lecture Course will  
be given next Tuesday evening,  
January 11, 1921, in the College  
Chapel, at eight o'clock. The lecturer  
will be Professor Francis E. West,  
head of the Chemistry Department  
of Alma College. His subject is to  
be "The Life of the Snowflake." There  
will be fifty or sixty beautiful  
slides shown, picturing the snow-  
flake in its many exquisite, artistic  
forms. And also one or two simple  
experiments will be made. The pub-  
lic are cordially invited to attend.  
Admission will be free.

Watch for "The Man from Home,"  
adv.—tf.

## BIG BANQUET

Robinson Stages Biggest Store Ban-  
quet Ever Held Here.

The biggest store banquet ever  
given in this city was held Monday  
evening in the basement of the Rob-  
inson State Street store, being ten-  
dered to the eighty employees of the  
store, both the older employees and  
those who had been secured special-  
ly for the sale that is now being con-  
ducted. The menu was in charge of  
Mrs. Froush, caterer, and three as-  
sistants.

Following the banquet, with Mr.  
Lown acting in the capacity of toast-  
master, some interesting talks were  
given by Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bistline  
and others. Mr. Robinson was called  
on for a few words, and was followed  
by H. C. Hart, who is conducting the  
sale. Mr. Hart went over his vari-  
ous experiences in conducting sales,  
took up the essential details of the  
sale that was to be started on  
Wednesday in the Robinson stores,  
gave instructions as to the handling  
of the crowd.

The clerks all displayed a big in-  
terest in the talks, especially that  
given by Mr. Hart, and looked for-  
ward to the sale with optimism.

Mr. Hart placed a quota for the  
sale at \$8,000 worth of goods to the  
day, dividing this among the various  
departments. The department heads  
felt confident that they would easily  
achieve the quotas.

Following the talk by Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Robinson announced that tickets  
had been reserved at the Strand  
theatre for the entire number and it  
was a jolly crowd that threw off  
business cares for a few hours and  
enjoyed the "Movies."

## ALMA LEGIONAIRES HAD A BIG YEAR

Achievements of Post Give Evi-  
dence of Most Promising  
Future.

That the George W. Myers Post  
No. 132, American Legion, is among  
the most active Legion posts of the  
state, is clearly indicated by the  
achievements of the local organiza-  
tion during the past twelve months.  
Not the least important of the  
many things that the Alma post has  
started during the past year, was the  
establishment of a fund for the  
relief of the widows and orphans of  
former service men. This fund is  
small, but it is expected that it will  
be increased materially during the  
next few years. This fund was  
started through a donation.

The post has sponsored three civic  
enterprises during the year, the  
celebration of Memorial Day last  
May, the celebration of Armistice  
Day on November 11, and the Com-  
munity Christmas tree, the evening  
of December 24.

In athletics the basketball team  
of the George W. Myers post won the  
Saginaw Valley championship in  
1920.

The "Price of Peace" one of the  
big government movie pictures was  
brought to the Strand through the  
influence of the post.

The Legionaires rallied to the Sal-  
vation Army drive of 1920, and put  
it over the top, after it had seemed  
doomed to failure, as far as the  
quota being raised was concerned.

In addition to these worth-while  
purposes, the Legion held a big two  
day outing for members of the post  
at Rock Lake early in the fall, sent  
75 men to the Valley Roundup of  
Legionaires in Saginaw in Septem-  
ber, sent three delegates to the state  
convention and one to the National  
convention.

The George W. Myers Post was  
among the first in the state to es-  
tablish a Woman's Auxiliary.

These things have been done by  
the Alma post on limited means, as  
the dues of the members are only  
\$2.00 per year, while most posts  
charge \$3.00. Of this sum \$1.00  
goes to the national organization and  
fifty cents to the state organization,  
leaving only a small sum for the  
local post to work with.

## ROBBERY SUNDAY

Purity Brand Milk Company Office  
Entered.

Thieves paid Alma another visit on  
Sunday night, but as has been the  
case in the past, they did not se-  
cure returns for their efforts, ex-  
cept for some small change that was  
secured at the offices of the Purity  
Brand Milk Company.

The offices of the company were  
ransacked in good style by the  
thieves, but it is understood that less  
than three dollars was secured.

This makes the fifth place that  
has been entered in Alma during the  
past ten days, by thieves, who  
seemingly have left no clues of their  
visits. In the five places the robbers  
have secured less than \$10.00, and it  
is very possible that they will soon  
realize that Alma business houses  
are not leaving money in cash  
drawers or safes, and that Alma of-  
fers a poor field for such operations.

We would be pleased to show you  
samples of Canaan coal. Brown-  
ward Co., phone 27.—60tf.

Home made nut sweet cream car-  
amel. Special 65c lb. DeLuxe.—adv

Douglas Fairbanks latest picture,  
Strand, next week.—adv.

## RESIGNATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

Kress Is No Longer One of the  
Officials of the City  
of Alma.

## BAHLKE IS HIS SUCCESSOR

Well Known Attorney Is Appointed  
to Fill Vacancy that Was  
Created.

Tuesday evening the city commis-  
sion on a motion by Commissioner  
Greaser supported by Commissioner  
Glass, accepted the resignation of  
James G. Kress, as city attorney,  
and the unusual position in which  
Mr. Kress had been placed when he  
became judge of probate of Gratiot  
county on January 1, when he was  
also still Alma's city attorney, was  
done away with.

The motion to accept the resigna-  
tion of Mr. Kress, which appears in  
the proceedings of the commission,  
was a "flowery" one, the evident in-  
tention being to outdo the literary  
efforts of Mr. Kress in the resigna-  
tion that he recently submitted to  
the commission.

While the acceptance was some-  
what of a literary effort, the sincere  
thanks of the commission to Mr.  
Kress for his efforts in behalf of  
the city as its attorney, stand out in  
every line.

With the acceptance of the resigna-  
tion Mr. Kress, after four days, as  
judge of probate of Gratiot county  
and attorney for the City of Alma,  
became James G. Kress, judge of  
probate for Gratiot county.

Immediately following the accepta-  
tion of the resignation, William A.  
Bahlke was unanimously appointed  
by the commission as city attorney  
to fill the unexpired term, which it  
is understood he will accept.

Without question Mr. Bahlke will  
prove a very able successor to Mr.  
Kress. He has been deeply interest-  
ed in local affairs for years, and was  
practically the author of the city  
charter. When Alma was a village  
he served the city both as its pres-  
ident and as attorney. As a lawyer  
Mr. Bahlke is considered as a man of  
no mean ability, and the city is for-  
tunate in being able to secure his  
legal ability in the office of city at-  
torney.

## REPORTS MONEY TAKEN

Mrs. Hattie White has reported to  
the police that \$110.00 was taken  
from her room in the Gibbs block,  
over Eichenberg's store on Friday of  
last week. Officers have not yet  
been able to locate the missing  
money.

## CONTRACT IS LET FOR RESERVOIR

Million Gallon Reservoir to Be  
Constructed as Soon as the  
Weather Warms.

On Tuesday evening the city com-  
mission let the contract for the con-  
struction of a million gallon reser-  
voir to be used in connection with  
the water system of the City of Alma.

The contract for the work was  
awarded to the Ann Arbor Asphalt  
Construction company, who had a bid  
for the work of \$25,725, which the  
local officials believe to be a very  
low bid for the work that is contem-  
plated. In its bid the company called  
attention to the fact that it was en-  
abled to make this low bid only be-  
cause it is now constructing a large  
reservoir for the City of Owosso, and  
would move the forms in use there  
to Alma as soon as the work there  
had advanced to such a stage as to  
permit their removal from the con-  
crete.

The reservoir is to be constructed  
just to the east of the pumping sta-  
tion, where but little excavation will  
be needed to put the ground in shape.  
It is rather expected that the work  
of excavating and leveling the ground  
will be done during the coming few  
months, and that work on the con-  
struction of the big concrete reser-  
voir, which will be about 107 by 121  
feet in depth, will be started im-  
mediately after May 1.

It is not felt that it would be  
feasible for the city to construct the  
reservoir during cold weather, be-  
cause of the possibilities of the con-  
crete freezing before becoming set,  
and because of the big added expense  
that there would be in the efforts to  
keep it from freezing.

The million gallon reservoir is one  
of the several items listed under the  
\$80,000 bond issue upon which the  
voters of the city passed favorably  
at the November election.

Home made nut sweet cream car-  
amel. Special 65c lb. DeLuxe.—adv

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## IS SALES ASSISTANT



FOREST H. AKERS

## HOOVER RELIEF DRIVE CONTINUES

E. J. Merrill, Head of County  
Organization, Still Seeking  
the Quota.

With the slogan "Hunger knows  
no armistice," the campaign to re-  
lieve and save the war orphans of  
Central Europe and Asia Minor are  
burning their appeal into the hearts  
of millions of men and women of  
America, causing them to most gen-  
erously heed starving humanity's  
need. Both Relief workers and army  
officers returned from war stricken  
Europe tell in terms that are appall-  
ing and ghastly of the wretched tur-  
moil and degradation which they  
have witnessed with their own eyes;  
children bloated in their starving  
condition, faces furrowed and pale  
from suffering, while thousands upon  
thousands have already starved to  
death.

One of them, Charles V. Vickery,  
says, "Where we are caring for one  
child there are still four to be cared  
for. There are 200,000 children out  
in the mountains of Armenia, living  
on garbage, hiding in caves and ex-  
isting on grasses. Many of these  
will freeze or starve this winter."

Vienna alone has 400,000 children  
entirely dependent on the bread and  
soup line. Suppose fate had trans-  
posed the above conditions, and 600-  
000 Michigan children were sending  
the message of want and misery to  
Armenia, and sent back the listless  
and merciless reply: "Is that  
so? Well, that's bad. We are  
sorry, but we're tired of 'drives' to  
help the starving."

Lieutenant Frank Connes, official  
interpreter of the New York Su-  
preme Court and previously member  
of the Russian and Rumanian com-  
mission of the Red Cross says: "The  
gratitude of the Armenians to the  
United States is pathetic. I have had  
officials of the Armenian Republic  
come up to me and tell me in their  
own language that it is entirely due  
to the United States that there is a  
single one of their people left. I  
have seen thousands of orphans in  
asylums, scattered everywhere  
throughout these regions, get down  
on their knees at night and pray for  
America and the American people.  
Are we worthy of their prayers?"

The work in Gratiot county is now  
getting well under way to meet this  
responsibility. Three Alma Churches  
have already raised over \$1,000.00  
toward the \$3,000 quota, and it is ex-  
pected that the complete canvas of  
the business interests and other or-  
ganizations will be largely over by  
the week end.

St. Louis is well up on their way  
towards a \$1,000 goal, with \$700 al-  
ready in sight last Tuesday night.  
Ethace will launch her part of the  
drive on Sunday. The townships  
are being visited by the county com-  
mittee as rapidly as possible and  
cheerfully meeting their responsibil-  
ity in the need of the hour. Shall  
we not prove to the world again that  
we are truly a Christian nation?

Many undoubtedly have not yet  
been seen by solicitors, who feel that  
they have a responsibility in aiding  
the fund. They will greatly assist in  
making the campaign a success by  
filling out the following card and  
mailing it to either J. W. Kelder,  
city chairman, or to R. B. Wagner,  
county treasurer of the organization.  
Checks should be made payable to  
Hoover Relief Fund.

I subscribe to the European Relief  
Council for the suffering children of  
Central and Eastern Europe.

Dollars, payable be-  
fore March 1, 1921, or as follows:

Cash advanced \$1.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home made nut sweet cream car-  
amel. Special 65c lb. DeLuxe.—adv

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## AKERS REPUBLIC SALES ASSISTANT

Comes To Alma Direct From  
Reo Sales Manager-  
ship.

## WILL HANDLE THE FIELD WORK

Sieg Retains His Present Post as  
The Assistant Sales  
Manager.

Colonel Frank E. Smith, first vice  
president and general manager of  
the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc.,  
has announced the appointment of  
Forest H. Akers as assistant gen-  
eral sales manager of the Republic  
Truck Sales Corporation, the channel  
through which Republic motor trucks  
are marketed.

As assistant to General Sales Man-  
ager A. J. Whipple, Mr. Akers will  
assume entire charge of the Republic  
field organization, he having a very  
valuable knowledge of, and experi-  
ence with, potential markets for  
which Republic trucks are particu-  
larly adapted.

For the past seven years Akers  
has been associated with the Reo  
Motor Car Company of Lansing,  
Michigan, in various sales positions,  
having latterly, for three years, been  
general sales manager, which posi-  
tion he recently resigned and im-  
mediately joined the Republic or-  
ganization.

Having, in addition to his thorough  
automotive sales experience, received  
a well grounded training in mer-  
chandising in rural communities, by  
his connection with the Oliver  
Chilled Plow Works of South Bend,  
Indiana, and also the Ohio Rake  
Company of Dayton, Ohio, Akers  
brings to Republic the knowledge of  
what the haulage problems of the  
farmer really are, as well as the  
larger transportation problems of  
the big cities.

With an intimate knowledge of  
territorial conditions, affecting the  
sales and distribution of automotive  
equipment, in every section of this  
country, Akers is expected to make  
great advancement in the already  
wide distribution of Republic trucks.

Mr. Akers assumed his duties on  
January 3rd, and will ultimately  
make Alma his permanent home,  
but until spring, his family will re-  
main in Lansing.

Ernest E. Sieg, who has been as-  
sistant general sales manager for  
some time past, will continue in a  
similar capacity, as assistant to A.  
J. Whipple, and will have charge of  
all sales activities, except those of  
distribution, which will hereafter be  
assumed by Mr. Akers.

## SUGAR FACTORY FINISHES RUN

Alma Plant Has Sliced 104,715  
Tons of Beets and Made  
Them into Sugar.

The 1920 run of the Alma plant of  
the Michigan Sugar company was  
brought to a finish on New Year's  
day, the last beets being sliced by the  
big Alma factory at 11:35 a. m.

During the season which started  
in early October, and came to an end  
with the beginning of the year, 104,  
715 tons of beets were received at  
the plant, sliced and made into  
sugar.

The campaign of the sugar plant  
this year has been more important  
to the business interests of Alma  
than for some years past. Many  
workmen of the city, who were out  
of employment, when the local plant  
opened, secured employment there  
and as a result the plant has done  
much to tide the city over the period  
of depression.

It has proven a big thing for the  
farmers this year also, the drop in  
market prices of farm products hav-  
ing been such that the raising of  
beets this past year, has paid as  
good a return in most sections of  
the state, as any other crop, and in  
most cases has paid a better return  
to the growers.

The Record hopes next week to be  
able to give a somewhat detailed  
story of the campaign, from the  
beets sliced to the sugar manufac-  
tured, men employed, total amount  
of wages, amount paid to farmers of  
this section of the state for beets,  
the amount of coal consumed, and its  
cost, the number of tons of lime  
used, number of thousands of sugar  
sacks, barrels, etc., that its readers  
may have a slight idea of the cost of  
producing beet sugar.

## FIRE SATURDAY

The Alma fire department was  
called to the Alma plant of the Mich-  
igan Sugar company at an early hour  
Saturday morning, where a small  
fire had started in the lime kilns.  
Using the chemical apparatus the  
fire was quickly extinguished with a  
very small loss to the sugar com-  
pany.

## OPEN SEASON

Alma Collegians Meet Muskegon and  
Grand Rapids.

The Alma college basketball team  
will open the 1921 season this week  
with a two day road trip, which  
calls for frays with Muskegon "Y" at  
Muskegon on Friday and Grand Rap-  
ids Junior at Grand Rapids on Sat-  
urday.

With the advantage of only three  
days of practice since the holiday va-  
cation the Maroon and Cream team  
will not be in the shape that it should  
be for two hard battles, particularly  
in view of the fact that both Muske-  
gon "Y" and Junior have had three  
or four games so far this season and  
are going in fine shape.

The Muskegon "Y" team is being  
considered as one of the strongest  
aggregations in the state, not having  
lost a game so far, while it has been  
making such teams as the Michigan  
Aggies, Kalamazoo College and  
others.

Grand Rapids Junior is not be-  
lieved to be exceptionally strong,  
but having had four games will be in  
far better shape than the Alma five.

It is not known yet who the men  
will be that Coach Steele will use in  
the opening games, but it is consid-  
ered probable that Battle and Kirker  
of Detroit, Hudson from Saginaw  
Eastern or Howe of Alma will get  
the choice at the forwards. The cen-  
ter job and the guard places were al-  
so far from settled, Wednesday eve-  
ning, and it is probable that the men  
who are taken on the first trip will  
be picked following the practice to-  
night.

## MULLIN'S QUINTET MEETS GREENVILLE

Opening Game of Court Season  
Will Be Held Here Friday  
Evening.

The Alma high school basketball  
team will open the 1921 season on  
Friday evening of this week, meet-  
ing the strong Greenville High quin-  
tet on the local floor at 7:30, in what  
is expected will be one of the most  
bitterly contested battles of the en-  
tire season.

The Greenville engers form a  
strong aggregation, that will stack  
up well among the 24 best teams in  
the state high school ranks, and it  
is certain that the speedy team play  
of this veteran five will keep the lo-  
cals traveling at top speed if Alma  
is to achieve a victory in the open-  
ing fray. Greenville has a clever  
defense that promises to puzzle the  
Alma bunch somewhat at the start,  
but if it can be penetrated with any  
degree of effectiveness during the  
early stages of the game Alma will  
have a good chance to land the long  
end of the score.

The local prep ball tossers have  
been looking like a real team in  
practice and it is believed by those  
who have been following the work-  
outs closely that the team will get  
away to a good start in the opening  
game. The engers also have their  
eyes pointed on next week's fray  
with Flint Central here, and are par-  
ticularly desirous of coping from  
Greenville as a result.

Just what the line-up for the open-  
ing game will be is still somewhat of  
a question, but it is expected that  
George Elias, veteran center, will be  
back at his old job. Hyde and An-  
derson, letter winners last year, are  
expected to start at the forward po-  
sitions, although it is possible that  
Bentley may break into one of these  
jobs. Lee Lyons, a sub last season,  
and Hopkins, a veteran guard, are  
expected to be used in repelling the  
offensive work of the Greenville five.  
Garner will also probably see action  
at a guard job before the game ends.

The second team will go to St.  
Louis Friday evening, where it is  
carded to meet the second team of  
St. Louis high. The locals hope to  
defeat the St. Louis five, but expect  
a hard game.

## SMALL LOSS

Chief Sartor Believes Department  
Has Made A Record.

J. F. Sartor, Jr., chief of the Alma  
Fire Department, believes that  
the department has made a record  
for the six months of the fiscal year  
that no department in the country in  
a city the size of Alma can equal,  
it having responded to ten fire  
alarms during this time with a total  
loss from these fires of only \$160.00.

Sartor points with pride to this  
record, and calls special attention to  
the fact that the total property val-  
uation of the places where there  
were fires was \$150,000, making a  
percentage of fire loss of just  
slightly more than one-tenth of one  
per cent.

## ARE BEING SOLD

The bonds for the \$80,000 bond is-  
sue upon which the voters of the city  
passed favorably at the November  
election are now being printed in De-  
troit for the Detroit Trust company,  
which purchased them from the city,  
and it is understood that the Detroit  
Trust company has already sold a  
portion of the issue. The fact that  
the Detroit Trust company has al-  
ready sold some of the bonds before  
they are off the press, speaks highly  
for the credit of the city.

## INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE

Officers May Have the Solution  
of Several Small Robberies  
Here.

## HAVE GRILLED THREE BOYS

Two Said to Have Admitted That  
They Had a Part in Some of  
the Cases.

Local officers under the lead of  
Oscar Vibber, chief of police, are  
continuing to delve into the activities  
of some Alma lads, who are thought  
to be responsible for a number of  
small robberies that have taken  
place here and in the surrounding  
towns during the past few weeks.

Vibber, during the past two weeks,  
has been making strenuous efforts,  
to solve the riddle that the series of  
small robberies had presented, and  
finally the first of the week, when  
seemingly up against a stone wall as  
far as discovering a solution was  
concerned, he followed what might  
be termed a hunch, and this led to  
what is believed to be a solution of  
the riddle.

Three young lads were called in by  
Vibber Tuesday for a grilling. It is  
said that two of the lads admitted  
that they were concerned in some of  
the cases, but the